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Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group

MINUTES
February 23, 2011

I. Roll Call:

Present: Richard Brown, Jim Foss, Denise Giles, Jacinda Goodwin, Jamie Johnson, Charles LaVerdiere, Randall Liberty, Margaret Longworth, Shelley Reed, Jonathan Shapiro, Barry Stoodley, Christine Thibeault, Paul Vestal and Patrick Walsh

Absent: Cathy McLoy Ashland, Mark Boger, Ned Chester, Abigail Comee-McCourt, Nickole DeMerritt, Dalene Dutton, Joan McDonald, Hannah McMullen, Jim Morse, Dan Nichols, Doug Patrick, Trish Shorey and Adam Royer

Staff: Kathryn McGloin, Elaine Brann

Paul Vestal, JJAG Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:15A.M and welcomed the JJAG Members.

II. Minutes:

The minutes for the January 26, 2011 JJAG meeting were approved.

Motion: To approve the January 26, 2011 Minutes

Moved: Margaret Longworth/Shelley Reed/2nd.

Action: Approved

Vote on requesting a waiver to keep Juvenile Accountability Block Grant at the State Level – No vote taken. No discussion.

Vote on awarding JABG to the Division of Juvenile Services.

Paul asked Barry to update the Committee on JABG. Barry provided members with information regarding the JABG Diversion to Assets Program and stated that he would pass out written information at break time.

Motion: To approve the JABG Award Proposal to the Division of Juvenile Services

Moved: Christine Thibeault/Richard Brown/2nd.

Action: Approved with 2 Abstentions

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The mission of the Maine Juvenile Justice Advisory Group is to advise and make recommendations to state policy makers and to promote effective system level responses that further the goals of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act

III. Chair Report:

Paul stated that he called Dan Billings, Legal Counsel to Governor LePage, to offer his support and to provide information regarding juvenile issues. Paul stated that he was very interested and they talked for about half an hour. Paul also spoke with the new Commissioner of Public Safety, John Morris, and he was very interested in the JJAG and what we are doing. Paul stated that eventually he would like to add him on the agenda.

Paul mentioned the national budget and stated that there was a big gap and he was not sure what the budget was going to be. As soon as he receives a target, he will e-mail all and send out letters to Senator Olympia Snow and Senator Susan Collins.

Paul reported that Damon is no longer with the Department of Corrections as Compliance Monitor for the JJAG and has taken a job with the Winslow Police Department.

Paul received a thank you note for receipt of dues from the CJJ.

IV. Juvenile Justice Specialist Report:

Kathryn reported that the Northeast Regional CJJ conference call will be on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 3:00 PM. She will e-mail everyone with date, time and telephone number and agenda for all who want to listen in.

Kathryn provided members with the names of the schools that have been selected to participate in the Collaborative Problem Solving initiative.

EPIY training will go on. Train the Trainer will be on days two and three, and include Bangor, Houlton, Cumberland County, York, Orono, Saco and Caribou PD. First day is for everyone.

Karen Williams will be coming back for three days through NTAC. Kathryn asked members for recommendations to provide Karen on what we want her to focus on for training. Some suggestions:

- Include staff from Residential Treatment
- Combine Education and Law Enforcement
- Juvenile Defenders
- 1/2 time at Criminal Justice Academy so every Law Enforcement Officer will have some access to training.

Kathryn updated members on the schedule of future JJAG Meetings. Margaret Micolichuk will be a guest at our March 23rd JJAG Meeting, and Jan Clarkin, Preventing Child Abuse, Maine Children's Trust, will be at the April 27th meeting. May is our JJAG Subgrantee Luncheon and June 22nd will be our last

meeting before the summer.

THR is up and running. This will save time and money in distance of transporting MVYDC residents to Houlton.

Jim Foss stated that they are just waiting for an inspection by the State Fire Marshal.

Kathryn also read a report by Noel Bonam.

V. Committee Reports:

Christine – Legislation – Christine discussed the controversy surrounding LD 257 “An Act to Protect Children in Public Schools by Changing Notification Requirements Regarding Sex Offenders.” Christine discussed one of the sections in the bill which allows schools to notify all parents of students enrolled in school who have been adjudicated for Gross Sexual Assault. Christine is also following Competency Legislation and stated that it is still being worked on.

VI. Update Three Year Comprehensive Plan:

Patrick put up a list of 14 Needs/Problems Statements that were prioritized from the last update and asked everyone to come up and put an X mark on the five that they thought were most important. There was a discussion of which Needs/Problems should have more priority than others. Kathryn stated that she would e-mail everyone the top five suggestions so those who did not attend the meeting could make comments or provide suggestions on what they felt were most important or if they agreed with the top five listed. The list will be finalized at the next meeting.

Patrick Walsh mentioned the Department of Justice’s Invitation to comment on their Fiscal Plan in 2011. The response date is Monday, February 28, 2011. Patrick will send the link if we want to respond.

VII. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 A.M.

The next meeting will be March 23, 2011 at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.